

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
December 20, 2013

The City of Clewiston is blessed with great employees and each one is truly appreciated. The annual awards for Outstanding Employee of the Year were presented at the Employee Appreciation Luncheon on December 13. Six of the City's best received this honor this year. The employees receiving the Employee of the Year award for 2013 were: General Services, Kathy Combass; Police Department, Jackie Garrett; Public Works Department, David Reyna; Utilities Department, Jason Crawford; City-Wide, David Germany; and Director of the Year is Public Works Director, Sean Scheffler. Congratulations to this group of elite employees!

The City of Clewiston wishes all of our residents and employees a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

As always, if you have a problem, don't hesitate to report it to City staff. If you are not sure who to call, call City Hall at 983-1484 and we will be happy to guide you to the appropriate department.

Dates to Remember:

December 24 & 25	City Offices Closed
January 1, 2014	City Office Closed

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- The Quick Wash Laundromat located at 213 West Ventura Avenue is now open.
- Pizza Hut has received their Certificate of Occupancy. They anticipated opening for business at 11:00 a.m. on December 19, 2013.

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- Staff repaired a large area around # 3 green. The old sod was taken up, some soil removed, new soil added, and new sod was laid. The project also detailed adding new sand to the adjacent bunker. Staff also replaced sod in various areas around golf course with the extra sod left over.
- Pro shop received new caps and tee shirts with the golf course logo on them. We have long and short sleeve and they come in white or gray. The caps come in a variety of colors. Stop by and check them out.
- Have sent logo and ideas to publishing company's and are awaiting sample for ads that will start running in January.
- MERRY CHRISTMAS to all departments and staff and thanks for all the help you give.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Santa distributed gifts to nearly 120 children last Thursday evening, December 12, at the Library. Thanks to the Police department for help with crowd control. We couldn't have had an orderly a program without you. Thanks also to those who contributed to the purchase of the items for the kids.
- Library classes and tutoring will take a two week break starting 12/23/2013. The classes and the tutoring will resume on 1/6/2014.
- There will be many changes, primarily to fines and other charges, at the Library beginning in January. Please call the Library for more information.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- A CPD Officer witnessed a theft in Wal-Mart this week. The suspect fled with a stolen cell phone out the front door and across the parking lot. Suspect then fled across Highway 27 and into Sonny's Restaurant before the officer caught him going out the back door. Following a brief struggle, the officer tased the suspect and was able to quickly subdue him. The stolen property was recovered and the suspect arrested.
- Domestic violence remains a concern as we continue to see elevated calls of that nature.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1133** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 552** Complaints Investigated
 - 22** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 15** Arrests Made
 - 71** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 10** Alarms Responded To
 - 20** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 1** City Ordinance Violation
 - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control Activity: The City Commission awarded the 2014 Mosquito Control contract to Clarke Environmental. Sean will be in contact with the contractor requesting ground service for a pleasant Christmas.
- Paving projects: (1) Contracts with Weekley Asphalt for this year's paving project have been signed and the Notice to Proceed has been issued. (2) Diaz Asphalt started to install "hot mix" in the milled areas behind the "gas line installation" in the south alley on Tuesday.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff ran pot holes and road shoulders last week. (2) Staff off loaded 12 Chinese Fan Palms, donated by Clyde Carter, Monday and healed them in behind the Golf Course. The City appreciates Mr. Carter's donation of palms to the City.
- Facility Maintenance: Staff has been changing AC filters and checking lights. We started the repairs on the decorative foot bridge on the Golf Course this week. It will be power washed and then get a new coat of paint.
- Canal Maintenance Request: Clewiston Drainage District staff was in the Clewiston area last week spraying vegetation and removing litter from the waterways.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Director Williams will be contacting contractors to repair the traffic light at US 27 and WC Owen. This will be corrected as soon as possible.
- The Water/Sewer crew repaired two sewer breaks on Friday, December 13th. One was a sewer line collapse that required seven hours to repair.
- The Water/Sewer crew repaired several water breaks and replaced 3 lift station pumps. They also replaced the second pump at the main lift station.
- The Electric crew trimmed trees in the Harlem area and are repairing street lights this week. The crew is checking the tennis courts' lighting and timers. The lights at the rodeo grounds were also repaired.
- The Electric crew will be replacing two rotten poles near the Hoover Dike Monument.
- The meter based surge protection program is in the final stages and should be in place in January 2014.